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1. What does the city intend to do with a $100 million grant from the William Penn Foundation?

2. Which famous singer did Kanye West go after in his latest rant?

3. Which Seahawks wide receiver threw a touchdown pass to QB Russell Wilson in the Eagles' loss?

3 things you need to know

PENCE NOT OFFENDED BY COMMENTS TO HIM AT 'HAMILTON' SHOW

Vice President-elect Mike Pence said on Sunday he was not offended by rare and pointed comments made to him by a cast member of "Hamilton" after he attended the hit Broadway show. "I wasn't offended," Pence said on "Fox News Sunday," declining to ask for an apology as President-elect Donald Trump had demanded. Pence acknowledged that many Americans were disappointed and anxious after Trump's surprise Nov. 8 election victory following a raucous campaign, but he sought to reassure Americans that Trump would be a president "for all Americans." After the show on Friday evening, Brandon Victor Dixon, who plays America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, read a statement directed at Pence, who was in the audience, while standing in front of the cast in full costume. REUTERS

FRENCH CONSERVATIVES CHOOSE CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

2 French conservative voters were choosing their candidate on Sunday in a primary contest whose winner is seen as the likely victor in next spring's presidential election. With the French left in disarray under the deeply unpopular President Francois Hollande, pollsters suggest that the center-right presidential nominee will meet and defeat the National Front's eurosceptic, anti-immigration leader Marine Le Pen in a vote next May. Former prime minister Alain Juppe, a moderate conservative, had until recently appeared on track to win the nomination of the Les Republicains party and its center-right allies. But over the past week the contest has been transformed into a tight race between Juppe, former president Nicolas Sarkozy and Francois Fillon, who served as prime minister under Sarkozy from 2007 to 2012. REUTERS

SOURCES: MERKEL TO SEEK FOURTH TERM AS GERMAN CHANCELLOR

3 Angela Merkel told top members of her party on that she wants to run for a fourth term as German chancellor in next year's election, senior party sources told Reuters, after months of speculation about one of the world's most powerful women. Despite a voter backlash over her open-door migrant policy, the conservative is seen as a stabilizing force in Europe amid uncertainty caused by Britain's vote to leave the European Union and the election of Donald Trump as the next U.S. president. Merkel told leading figures in her Christian Democrat (CDU) party about her intentions at a meeting to prepare for the September election, several participants said. REUTERS

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Bolaris' Weather Watch

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As the song says, "What a difference a day makes, twenty-four little hours." A shocking change slammed us about 36 hours ago. The first true arctic blast of the season collided with an unseasonably warm air mass on Saturday and it sent folks scrambling for their winter gear as temperatures in many locations soared into the lower 70s before the arctic hammer came down.

The mercury plunged some 20 degrees in a blink of an eye as rain showers quickly changed over to sleet and then snow. This was the first snow of the season for a good portion of the North-east and mid-Atlantic.

The eastern slopes of the Berkshires, Catskills and the Poconos picked up several inches of snow. The Green Mountains of Vermont had over a half-foot and we still had leftover snow showers there in the morning, making travel difficult in the higher elevations, especially over 1,500 feet.

Another strong sign of winter is the return of lake-effect snow as parts of western New York and western Pennsylvania were still getting hammered this morning with many places picking up over a foot of heavy wet snow.

Boston, New York and Philly are battling strong, cold winds today as the mercury will hover in the 40s. However, with those winds gusting over 40 mph at times, it will feel dramatically colder.

Expect limited sunshine and don't be too surprised if you see a few flakes flying even in the major cities.

An arctic dome will be on top of us on Tuesday and this will allow the wind to subside. So although readings will be about the same as today, it won't feel nearly as cold with lighter wind and more in the way of sunshine.

The biggest travel day of the year will arrive on Wednesday and right now your planned travel should be nice and dry. However, by late Wednesday night we might see some light rain moving in, and if it gets in early enough, some of the higher elevations to the northwest of the metro region could see some wet flakes or sleet. This would occur mainly in the mountains. I'm not anticipating any type of icy problems in the cities.

The rain will move out by later in the day on Thanksgiving, followed by a dry, nice Friday.

Some signs indicate that a coastal storm could develop over the weekend, but right now confidence in forecasting such an event is low.

Philadelphia

Today: Windy and cold, High 45.

Tuesday: Sunny, light wind, High 47.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, High 50.

Thanksgiving: Light rain through midday, High 52.

Friday: Mostly sunny, High 57.

Saturday: Possible coastal storm developing, High 50.

Sunday: Possible rain, High 48.

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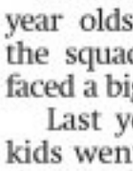
The West Philadelphia Tarheels peewee football team practices for an upcoming game in West Philadelphia. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

West Philly peewees' two-year undefeated streak broken

Famed West Philly team strives again, fails to make it to national tournament.



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The West Philly Tarheels made national news last year after their undefeated team's dream of playing in a national football tournament in Florida was dashed.

The dream continues to be just that — though the squad finished the season with another unblemished record.

The Tarheels lost 13-0 on Sunday in a postseason matchup with the Warriors out of Washington.

The team, which advanced this year to the Junior Pee Wee division, was just two wins shy of that elusive national tournament.

"We'll be back," vowed Duane Jones, head coach and director of operations for the Tarheels organization, after the loss. "They took it hard, but they're cool."

After all, the 9- to 11-year olds who make up the squad have arguably faced a bigger letdown.

Last year, these same kids went undefeated all the way in the Mity Mite division, but had the trip to Florida for Pop Warner's national tournament yanked out from under them at the last minute.

They didn't find out until the day they won their final game that league rules had changed months earlier and their age group was now excluded. That information somehow hadn't made its way to the Tarheels.

Metro broke the story of the kids' heartbreak, and the team's disappointment went on to make national headlines. But there was a happy ending: A Florida donor heard about the team's plight, and opened their checkbook to give the boys an all-expenses-paid trip to Disney World.

"In a way it was messed up when it happened, but in the long run it made things much better for us as a team," Jones said. "The kids had so much fun. It's given them a goal to work toward, and taught them a lesson that hard work does pay off eventually."

Even though they won't be in the national tournament this year, the team has come far. Their organization has a reputation in the neighborhood, Jones said, and has expanded from three teams to four, all of which had great seasons.

Representatives from regional high schools with top-notch football programs have visited practices, while VIPs like Congressman Bob Brady, who secured them Eagles tickets after last year's disappointment, have become staunch supporters.

But touchdowns and trophies aren't the ultimate goals for their players, the coaches said.

"Yes, it's a football team, but we're raising young men out here," said Tarheels defensive coordinator Kareem Baylor. "I don't care about the win. What we care about is you play the best you can and leave it all out there on the field."

Jones agreed: "We want to have them on the fields rather on the streets. We really want to teach accountability to our young men."

That work seems to be paying off. Running onto the field at practice, you can already see these kids have a look of focus and determination in their eyes. After boasting about their "O-line," their center and their improvement in blocking, the kids turn to discipline as what helped them win so many games this year.

"Coach don't play about school," said Donte Shaw, 11. "We all know school comes first. You can't play football if you're not smart."

An expanded version of this story can be seen at metro.us

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This year marks the seventh anniversary of the toy drive, which was renamed in memory of the man who oversaw the project for more than four years, Tony Metcalf, Metro's longest-running editor in chief. Mr. Metcalf passed away in 2013 from colon cancer at the age of 50.

Mr. Metcalf lit up every year as he saw the faces of children unwrap their holiday gifts. It is our goal to keep that magic alive.

"Tony felt we should use the size and scale of Metro to help others and he used enormous dedication and force to execute the project and every year make children in need a little happier during the holiday season," said Metro's Chief Executive Officer Yggers Mortensen.

"I am proud to continue this project in honor of Tony and I hope all our readers, suppliers and members of the Metro team will help to make this yet another great Metro Magic year."

Metro has created a wish list at the Target website that readers can access by going to Metro.us and clicking on the Tony's Metro Magic story on the homepage.

From there, just choose the toys you wish to donate, pay online using Target's secure payment system, and your gifts, along with your name attached, will be delivered to Metro's offices in each city.

This season, we hope you will remember the children who will spend the holidays in shelters or who may not have gifts to open. Even one small gift can make a big difference in a child's holiday season.

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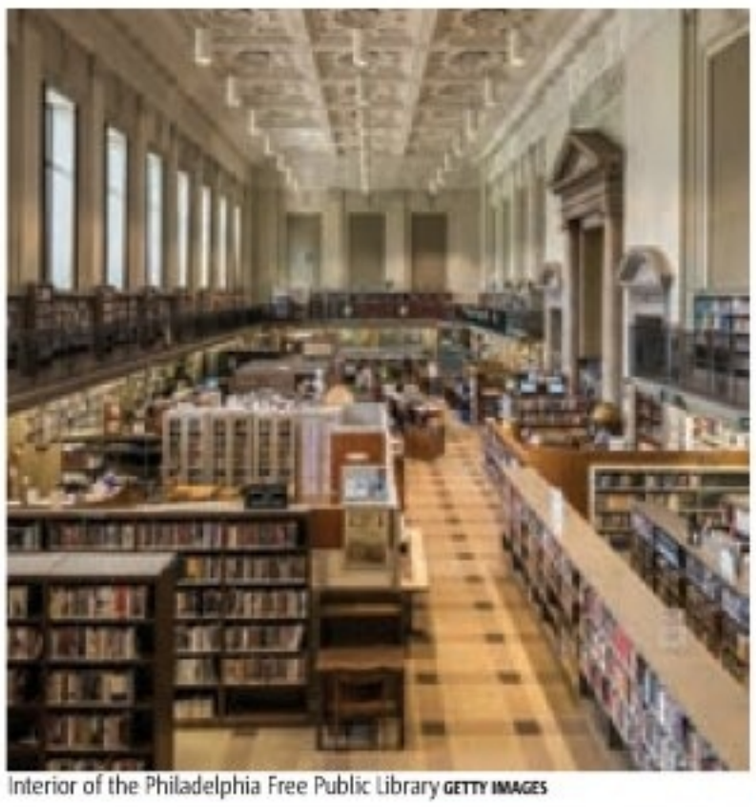

Interior of the Philadelphia Free Public Library GETTY IMAGES

Philly parks, libraries get $100M grant for makeover

"We want to provide opportunity for all Philadelphia citizens ... to come together, to get to know one another."

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Amid year-over-year budget cuts to Philadelphia's libraries, parks and recreation centers, the William Penn Foundation just announced its largest-ever grant to revitalize these neighborhood institutions.

The Old City-based nonprofit is giving $100 million to the city. It's a grant that covers one-fifth of the costs of a joint public and private initiative to revitalize parks, rec centers, libraries and playgrounds across Philly called Rebuild.

William Penn's grant will be officially announced at a news conference Monday, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported.

"We want to provide opportunity for all Philadelphia citizens, from the youngest children all the way to the most senior citizens, to come together, to get to know one another," Janet Haas, chairwoman of William Penn's board of directors, said in a news release. "Particularly in these times in our country, it's even more important."

The foundation approved an initial grant just shy of $5 million in July for initial implementation, according to The Associated Press. After the city passes a proposed $300 million city bond issue for the program, William Penn will release another $75 million. City officials are expected to seek council approval for the first of three $100 million bonds early next year, the Inquirer reported.

The remaining $20 million will be split between the foundation and matching contributions from state, federal and other philanthropic sources.

"Not only are we interested in creating places for community interaction and engagement to occur, but we also want the process of designing and building these new places to deeply involve local residents, thereby inspiring a strong sense of ownership and stewardship for these new assets within the community," Haas said.

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Ronald Smith, 41, is on the run. CHESTER COUNTY DA'S OFFICE

Man flees after cops find cache of guns and drugs in his home

Authorities say the suspect's arsenal included an assault rifle and semiautomatic pistol.

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Police in Chester County are searching for a man they say sold drugs out of a "fortified bunker" on a residential block in Coatesville.

Ronald Smith, 41, is wanted on firearms offenses and drug possession with intent to distribute after authorities discovered a cache of illegal guns and drugs inside his home last week.

"The police found the unholy trinity of guns, drugs and money in the defendant's house," Chester County District Attorney Jack Hogan said in a news release.

Smith came to the attention of authorities after they witnessed drug activity out of his residence on the 400 block of Valley Road in Coatesville, authorities said.

A search warrant was executed by the Coatesville Police Department and partner agencies on Nov. 11. Smith's front door was reinforced with a steel security bar, and surveillance cameras were outside and inside the residence, with a monitor showing a live feed of the video, according to the prosecutor.

Inside, police say they found cocaine, crack, heroin, crystal meth, prescription pills and marijuana, in addition to scales, baggies, a safe for storing drugs and cash, and a cutting agent to increase the weight of the drugs.

There was also a small stock of firearms, including a Tec-9 semiautomatic pistol, a Colt .380-caliber semiautomatic with a 30-bullet clip, a .357 magnum revolver with an extended firearm, a revolver with a scratched-out serial number and an assault rifle-style weapon with a scope. Smith is prohibited from possessing firearms, prosecutors said.

Anyone with information about Smith's whereabouts should call Coatesville police at 610-384-2300.

BRIEFS

Couple gets engaged at Philly Marathon finish line

They say a marriage is more like a marathon than a sprint. That's good news for Amy Duncan, who, after finishing her third 26.2-mile race Sunday in Philadelphia, also became a wife-to-be.

Just after she crossed the finish line, Duncan's boyfriend John Allen popped the question in front of hundreds of spectators and 6ABC reporter Bob Brooks.

Allen told 6ABC later that while Duncan ran, he was trying to make everything perfect for their big moment.

"Crazy, ecstatic, nervous," he told the news station. "I think I have a cramp. I feel like I ran a marathon."

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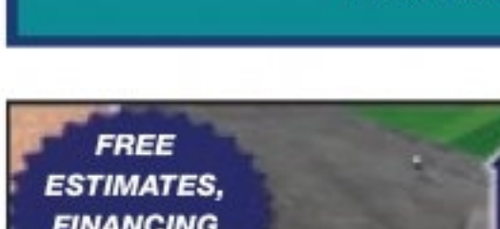

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CITY PLANS TO ELIMINATE PHILLY TRAFFIC DEATHS BY 2030

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The Philadelphia mayoral administration recently fulfilled a promise made during the 2015 campaign season: to create a Vision Zero Task Force dedicated to developing policy-heavy action plan that will make streets safer for all road users, and put an end to road deaths in Philadelphia by 2030.

The task force begins meeting next month, and not a moment too soon. History, data and news reports regularly show that Philadelphia's streets are a death trap for all road users, and they're getting worse for pedestrians as drivers are increasingly distracted by their phones. The task force's creation is a big feat for Philadelphia, a city that too often drags its feet when real goals and progress is within sight, and whose elected leaders too often worry about irrational variables based on their feelings, rather than the facts.

And the fact that we're taking the Vision Zero idea — that a healthy mix of policy, enforcement, advocacy, and education can bring all road deaths in a place down to zero — from a progressive country like Sweden, which first came up with it in 1997, makes it all the more satisfying.

Between 2011 and 2015, according to the city, traffic crashes (about 11,000 reported per year) accounted for 474 fatalities, of which 165 were pedestrians. So far in 2016, total fatalities have actually gone down — 63 as of Sunday. But more than half of all people killed in traffic this year were pedestrians. That's basically unprecedented; it's the highest we've seen since 1985, according to PennDOT statistics. Just within the last week, four pedestrians were killed trying to cross Philadelphia streets.

The executive order that created the task force, and the new Office of Complete Streets recognizes there are a number of "education, engineering, and enforcement" systems the city will likely use to accomplish its goal of eliminating traffic deaths. There are both easy and difficult things the city can do to make its streets safer: reducing speeds, automated enforcement, and if other cities are any judge, Philadelphia will do well to make bicycles a priority — especially if our roads are to be safe for pedestrians.

Bicycle infrastructure may be one of our best tools to increase road safety for not just bicyclists — but drivers, mass transit users, and pedestrians. If constructed correctly, things like separated bike lanes, protected intersections, and off-street paths can have a great effect on reducing traffic deaths and injuries. Bicycle infrastructure has been proven to make streets safe for just about everyone.

After the 10-foot buffered bike lanes were installed on Spruce and Pine streets in 2009, traffic crashes between all road users on those streets fell 26 percent —and bicycling on those streets skyrocketed. Researchers have additionally found that the crash risk for individuals where bicycle usage doubles, the risk of anyone getting into a crash decreases by a third.

Cities across the world have seen a great reduction in traffic deaths after implementing a Vision Zero campaign. New York City, for instance, has seen fewer traffic deaths every year since it implemented Vision Zero.

Boston added approximately 92 miles of bicycle lanes from 2007 to 2014. The percentage of bicycle commuters increased from 0.9 percent in 2005 to 2.4 percent in 2014, a threefold increase. In their paper "Bicycle Use and Cyclist Safety Following Boston's Bicycle Infrastructure Expansion, 2009-2012," researchers also found that odds of incurring an injury in a bicycle crash diminished by 14 percent each year between 2009 and 2012.

Like Philadelphia, the Boston region has many small, old streets and many large boulevards, where people driving motor vehicles are prone to excessive speed.

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Trump team promises to address ethics concerns on businesses

President-elect Donald Trump will work to ensure there is "proper separation" between his business empire and his job as president of the United States, Vice President-elect Mike Pence said on Sunday, amid fresh concerns about conflict of interest following a meeting with Indian real estate executives.

Trump, who has said he planned to turn over handling of the Trump Organization to his adult children, has come under criticism for meeting on Tuesday with three Indian businessmen who are partners in a project to build a Trump-branded luxury apartment complex in Mumbai.

Pence said on the CBS program "Face the Nation" that Trump and his family would "work with the best legal minds in this country and create the proper separation from their business enterprise during his duties as president of the United States."

A photo of the three executives meeting with Trump was posted on Twitter. Indian newspapers reported last week that the business leaders talked with the Trump Organization about expanding the Trump branded projects in India.

Incoming White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus, speaking on CNN's "State of the Union" program, said Trump would comply with all laws and have the White House counsel's office "review all of these things."

"And we will have every 'I' dotted and every 'T' crossed, and I can assure the American people that there wouldn't be any wrongdoing, or any sort of undue influence over any decision-making," Priebus said.

Trump, who takes office on Jan. 20, has said his businesses will be overseen by his three grown children, Donald Trump Jr., Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump.

Priebus was asked if it was appropriate for family members to sit in on official meetings after Ivanka Trump attended her father's meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Thursday. "Donald Trump has been very clear from the very beginning that his family is very important to him," Priebus said on CNN. REUTERS

Incoming White House Chief of Staff Reince Priebus GETTY IMAGES

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Syrian family, pupils among dozens killed in Aleppo attacks

The bombardment was one of the most intense in the almost 6-year-old civil war.

Rebel shelling killed eight children at a school in the government-held part of Aleppo on Sunday and a barrel bomb killed a family of six in the rebel-held area, part of a heavy government bombardment that has knocked out all the hospitals.

Hundreds of people have been killed since Tuesday in a concerted push by the government and its allies to quash resistance in the rebel-held eastern part of Aleppo to re-establish control over Syria's biggest prewar city.

On Sunday they advanced into the Hanano district on its northern edge, but rebels said the battle was still continuing and that some of the pro-government forces' gains had been reversed.

Two medics said the al-Baytounji family had suffocated to death because the barrel bomb, which fell in the Sakhour district at about midnight, had been laced with chlorine gas.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war, confirmed the bombing but could not confirm that chlorine gas was used. Damascus has denied use of the gas, which would contravene the international Chemical Weapons Convention.

Rebel shelling killed at least eight children, aged from 6 to 12 years, among 10 deaths in the Saria Hasoun school in al-Farqan district, the Observatory and Syrian state television reported.

The bombardment of eastern Aleppo drew condemnation on Sunday from the EU's humanitarian aid commissioner, Christos Stylianides.

"The relentless bombing of east Aleppo by the Syrian regime in the last few days has now left hundreds of thousands of besieged civilians without access to food and to functioning hospitals," he said.

An official with a rebel group based in east Aleppo said there were still no working hospitals there on Sunday, a day after the World Health Organization reported that bombing had put them all out of action.

Hospitals have previously been brought back into service after being knocked out through bombing in the rebel-held area but food supplies are running low.

The military and Russia's air force had paused their bombardment of eastern Aleppo, except for on the front lines, for two weeks after a month-long offensive from late September to late October, but recommenced strikes on Tuesday.

The army and its allies began some ground attacks on Friday. The Observatory reported intense clashes in Sheikh Saeed in southeast Aleppo and in Baeedain and Bustan al-Basha in northeast Aleppo.

Lebanon's Hezbollah militia, one of the army's main allies in the fighting, said on Sunday that the army and its allies had advanced in Hanano and pro-government forces were bringing big reinforcements to the city. The Observatory confirmed the Hanano advance. REUTERS

A wounded kid waits to receive medical treatment at Sahra Hospital after airstrikes by the Assad regime over residential areas of the Firdevs and Maadi neighborhoods in Aleppo, Syria. GETTY IMAGES

Possible use of chemical weapons and barrel bombs

An inquiry by the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons has said Syrian government forces have used chlorine gas in barrel bombs at least three times during the war. Damascus denies it. Syria also denies using barrel bombs — improvised ordnance made by oil drums filled with high explosive and shrapnel and dropped from helicopters. Their use has been condemned by the United Nations for causing unnecessary suffering.

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India train derails, at least 120 killed, more than 150 injured

At least 120 people were killed and more than 150 injured when an Indian express train derailed in northern state of Uttar Pradesh on Sunday, with the toll set to rise amid a scramble to locate survivors.

Police officials said people were still missing as authorities tried to determine what caused 14 carriages of the train traveling between the northeastern city of Patna and the central city of Indore to suddenly roll off the tracks in Pukhrayan, 40 miles south of Kanpur city.

Authorities said they were checking the condition of the tracks but would need to look further before concluding the cause of the derailment, India's deadliest rail tragedy since more than 140 died in a 2010 collision in West Bengal.

As many as 120 people were killed when 14 coaches of the Patna-Indore Express derailed near Pukhrayan in Kanpur district early on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Desperate survivors searched for family members and some tried to enter the damaged carriages to rescue relatives and collect belongings, said senior railway official Pratap Rai.

"We are using every tactic to save lives but it's very difficult to cut the metal carriages," he said from the accident site.

Kanpur district magistrate Kaushal Raj Sharma told Reuters that 119 people were confirmed dead, while 78 of the injured remained in hospital, four of them in a critical condition.

> *"We are using every tactic to save lives but it's very difficult to cut the metal carriages."*
> Pratap Rai

With rescue teams still looking for victims amid the wreckage, the toll from the derailment could rise to become India's worst rail tragedy in this century.

In what was probably India's worst rail disaster, a train plunged off a bridge and into a river in 1981 in Bihar state, killing an estimated 500 to 800 people.

India's creaking railway system is the world's fourth largest. It runs 11,000 trains a day, including 7,000 passenger trains carrying more than 20 million people. But it has a poor safety record, with thousands of people dying in accidents every year, including in train derailments and collisions.

Suresh Prabhu, India's railways minister, said in a tweet that the government would investigate the causes of the derailment and promised accountability with the "strictest possible action," as well as compensation for the affected passengers. REUTERS

BRIEF

Merkel says she will seek fourth term as German chancellor

Angela Merkel announced on Sunday she wants to run for a fourth term as German chancellor in next year's election, a sign of stability after Britain's vote to leave the European Union and the election of Donald Trump as the next U.S. president.

The 62-year-old conservative, facing a voter backlash over her open-door migrant policy, said she had thought long and hard before eventually deciding to stand again in the September election, ending months of speculation over her decision.

"The decision for a fourth term is — after 11 years in office — anything but trivial — for the country, the party and, I say it consciously in this order, for me personally," she told reporters, striking a serious, almost somber, tone.

"It is a decision not just for an election campaign but about the next four years ... if health allows it," she added after a meeting of senior members of her conservative Christian Democrat party.

An Emnid poll on Sunday showed that some 55 percent of Germans want Merkel, Germany's eighth chancellor since World War II, to serve a fourth term, with 39 percent against, indicating that despite setbacks, she is still an electoral asset.

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Merkel has steered Europe's biggest economy through the financial crisis and euro zone debt crisis and has won respect internationally, for example with her efforts to help solve the conflict in Ukraine. President Barack Obama last week described her as an "outstanding" ally.

With Trump's victory in the United States and the rise in support for right-wing parties in several European states, some commentators see Merkel as a bastion of Western liberal values. REUTERS

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CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn

Apparently Kanye West (who now says he would have voted for Trump if he'd voted) missed the memo about how endorsements are supposed to come before the election. Well, he may not have a working calendar, but I do — so here are my predictions for what will happen this week in politics.

1. NO "I" IN TEAM
President-elect Trump was a kind of "Teflon Don" in his campaign; no matter what was flung at him it just didn't seem to stick. Not true of his cabinet picks. Democrats and Republicans alike who are uneasy about his plans have already been throwing mud at the folks he's selecting for his team, and this week it will really be flying. Doesn't matter if it is deserved. For the opposition, this is all about slowing Trump's momentum … especially since his early picks look pretty hard-line.

2. WHITE CHRISTMAS:
Even if you're a candidate who made little effort to attract minority voters, heck — even if you outright offended some — it's problematic to have white supremacists cheering too loudly when you win. But they are sure hooting for Trump. He and his team have repeatedly disavowed the support of racists, but watch for him to get more and more pressure to explicitly and strongly denounce them — and not just from his foes.

3. WHATSAMATTA U?
Did I miss something? Didn't Team Trump tell us all along there was nothing wrong with Trump University? Lots of questions will be swirling in the new week after word he's agree to pay $25 million to settle fraud claims against the defunct school. Best bet is we'll be told he was just trying to get it out of the way so he can focus on redecorating, and after all what's $25 million to a guy with so much more? Critics will say it's proof of all they said about his business record during the race … which will make them feel better even if, in practical terms, now it makes no difference.

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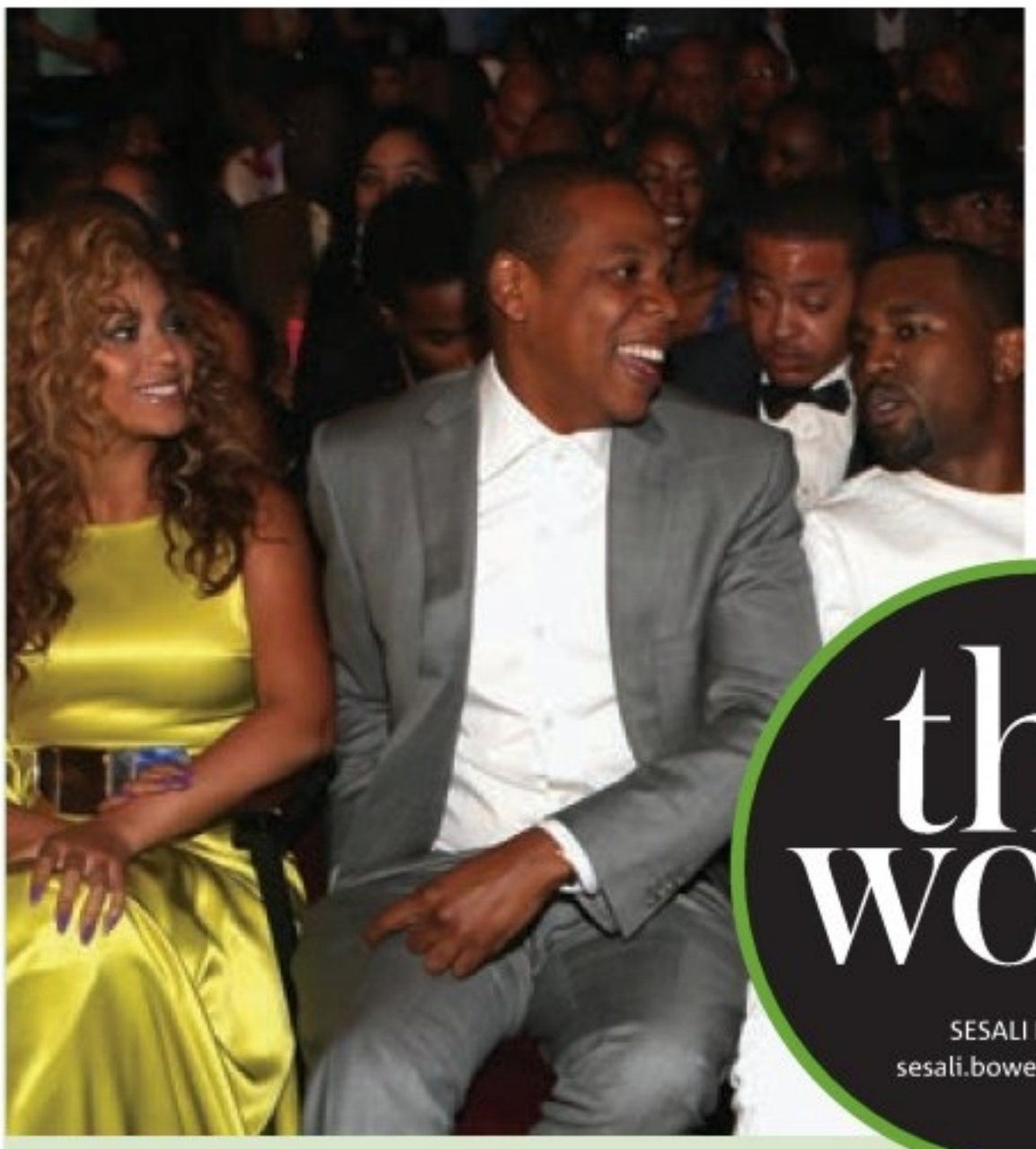

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Kanye West slams Jay Z & Beyonce during concert

Kanye West is known for being outspoken. His Saint Pablo Tour, ongoing through Dec. 31, has been laced with rants, including one about supporting Donald Trump for president, which got the musician booed. But Saturday night the 39-year-old rapper may have crossed the line.

Yeezy ended his Sacramento, California, show after only about 30 minutes according to E! News. But not before he went on yet another tirade, this time calling out Beyonce. Kanye claims that he was "hurt" that Beyonce only agreed to perform at this year's MTV Video Music Awards if her single "Formation" took the coveted Video of the Year Award over his own "Famous" and Drake's "Hotline Bling." He called Beyonce "fake" and claims that he put his career and life at stake when he defended her during the 2009 VMAs. In a bizarre twist, he also begged Bey's hubby, Jay Z to call him.

The Beyhive has already began to swarm on social media. May the odds be ever in his favor.

Kylie Jenner celebrates Tyga's birthday

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The rapper and professional boyfriend of Kylie Jenner, Tyga, turned 27 on Saturday. As expected, 19-year-old Kylie went all out for her tattooed bae. On Thursday she threw him a surprise birthday party, which included Tyga's adorable son King with Blac Chyna. It was cute.

But over the weekend, Kylie turned up the heat by first posting some pretty steamy pictures of her and Tyga, both topless in jeans. In one picture his face is buried in her chest as he grabs a handful of her rear end. In the other, they laugh and embrace one another, making sure to cover Jenner's boobs just so.

According to People, the lovebirds headed to Las Vegas to continue the festivities later that evening. Did we mention Kylie's only 19?

Jason Derulo involved in huge club brawl

Jason Derulo, the singer responsible for hits like "Ridin' Solo" and "Talk Dirty," got a little dirty himself on Saturday night. The 27-year-old was involved in a West Hollywood brawl outside of a club called Bootsy Bellows. TMZ obtained video showing Jason jumping into a circle of guys kicking and punching another man on the ground.

The incident happened around 2 a.m. as onlookers attempted to avoid being caught in the scuffle. It wasn't until officers from L.A. County Sheriff's Department showed up that the crowd dispersed. There were no reports of arrests.

Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck do breakfast

Hollywood exes Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner were spotted together in L.A. on Saturday morning to grab a bite to eat, reports People. The couple split in 2015 after 10 years of marriage. While there's no official divorce on the horizon, this outing doesn't necessarily mean the couple are back together. In August, Garner told the "Today" show that they remain good friends. The couple also has three children.

But perhaps the most compelling piece of evidence that they aren't rekindling their relationship is the timing of the meal. Breakfast is perfect for a cordial meeting with an ex. Brunch is too celebratory. Lunch is too time consuming. Dinner is way too romantic.

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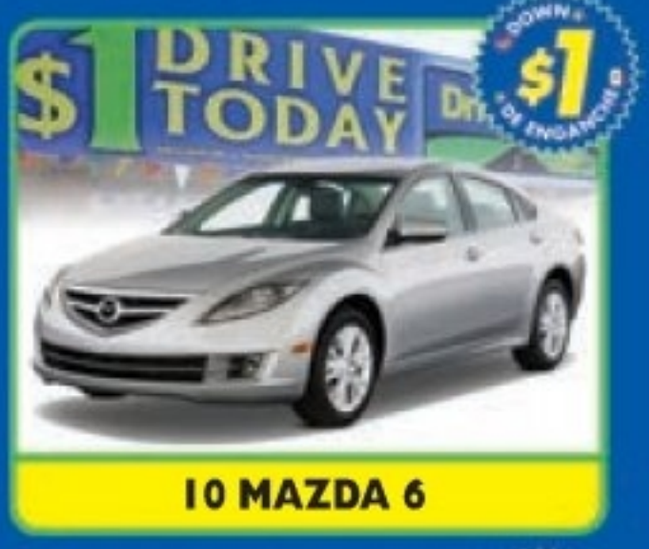

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Katherine Waterston doesn't do mainstream

The "Fantastic Beasts" actress talks about why she got to the "Harry Potter" books late.

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Two years ago Katherine Waterston finally had her breakthrough, thanks to a small but key role in "Inherent Vice." Now she's doing "Harry Potter" prequels. Before we see her headline "Alien: Covenant," you can spot the actor — 36, and the daughter of Sam Waterston — play a wizard detective in "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," joining up with Eddie Redmayne's wizard zoologist to save 1920s New York City.

Like the "Harry Potter" series, this film very subtly comments on issues of power and fear. It's like she's always speaking to real world issues.

There's no question J.K. Rowling is holding a mirror up to society with her work. She does it with such a deft hand that you don't feel you're being lectured to or talked down to. But it's there. I think there's a wonderful balance in her work of facing these really important issues of our time, but also giving us a healthy dose of much-needed escapism.

Neither of us were kids when the "Harry Potter" books came out. There's an entire generation that grew up with them.

That's right. They were the same age [as Harry] when the first book came out. I can't even fathom what that must have felt like. J.K. Rowling got an entire generation reading at a time when there were so many tempting distractions on screens.

I didn't really read them, except the first two, and then years after they came out.

My reluctance to read the books had to do with a general disinterest in best sellers. When I see a book on the subway, I don't want to read it. I'm very stubborn about that. I guess I don't tend to want to go with the flow. I'm not attracted to mainstream things for some reason. I always get to them, but generally a decade later. I'll say to someone, "Did you read 'The Corrections'? It's so amazing!" They'll say, "Yeah, a long time ago." [Laughs] I didn't start reading [the "Harry Potter"] books until we were shooting. It was a random, happy accident, but it was just a way to stay immersed in that world on and off set.

Katherine Waterston, with Eddie Redmayne, enters the "Harry Potter"-verse as a kind of wizard detective in "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." JAAP BUITENDIJK

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I think that makes them feel more intimate.

For me, if I don't see a movie the first night of the opening weekend, I really struggle. I like to get in there before I've heard too much about it. I don't like to watch trailers, I don't like to read reviews. I really like to have my own experience. I don't even like people saying, "You've got to see this movie or read this book." The worst question is, "You mean you haven't seen X?!" I either have to get in ahead of the masses or be 10 years late.

High

Blake Jenner can claim that he's in two of the better films from this year: Richard Linklater's "Everybody Wants Some!!" and now "The Edge of Seventeen." In both, the actor and "Glee" alum is playing younger than he is (which is 24). In the first he was a college freshman. In "Seventeen" he's a high school senior, who doesn't get along with the film's hero: a perpetually grouchy and antisocial junior played by Hailee Steinfeld. Jenner's character initially seems like a dumb bro, but we, along with Steinfeld's character, slowly realize he's far more interesting.

I like that every character here is raw and messy, including yours.

That's what made me really want to be a part of this thing. You might think at face value, "This guy's a douchebag, he's got it all figured out." But you can see him being

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Blake Jenner plays a high school senior who starts dating his sister's (Hailee Steinfeld) bestie (Haley Lu Richardson, left) in "The Edge of Seventeen." STX PRODUCTIONS

worn down a little bit, a little bit, a little bit — then it all makes sense at the end. At the end you see what he's feeling.

He has a really combative relationship with Nadine, which happens to a lot of us with siblings. It's like we refuse to get to know them, this person we've been stuck with by fate.

I feel like I know my dogs inside out, but I'm still getting to know my three brothers. You take it for granted. I felt I could be myself with my friends at school way more than when I took that into this, that whole bridge of communication. You're inching towards each other for so long, but you're afraid what's on the other end.

High school is all about these volcanic emotions we don't understand. But I feel like, in a way, those never entirely go away, even though we pretend they do.

Totally, man. The more time goes on you think that it's the adult thing to shove those away. But really that's a crime. You're robbing yourself of your creative emotions. Then you wonder why you wake up one day and think, "Why do I feel so numb right now? Oh yeah: Because I'm not pushing myself, I'm not flooring the gas pedal of being a human. I'm placating to what I view as acceptable and polite."

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Put the 'sweat' in the Ugly Sweater Run

A merry 5K with a spirited finish.

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Ugly sweaters don't get much of a run outside of the closet. Their irony, humor and charm are reserved for holiday parties, Christmas morning and that one time you didn't do laundry for two weeks. Now there's a chance to show pride in your ugly sweater with the Ugly Sweater Run in Fairmount Park on Dec. 17.

Presented by Kahlua, The Ugly Sweater Run is a national running series benefitting One Warm Coat: an organization that supports over 3,000 coat drives each year. The event, which originated in Denver, has expanded to 11 cities so far. It was adopted in Philadelphia in 2013, and is coordinated by The Human Movement, the same organization responsible for bringing The Color Run earlier this year.

After the 3.1 mile endeavor, runners will be rewarded with hot chocolate, and if you're over 21, you could warm up even more with a free postrace cocktail from Kahlua.

For those who want to show off their ugly sweaters, but are terrified of the idea of running, can walk it out instead. Kids under the age of 5 are allowed entry for free, and strollers are permitted on the course.

The Human Movement also encourages participants and their cheerleading loved ones to consider the donation of gently used coats at this year's event. One Warm Coat looks to continue to expand its reach through partnering with The Ugly Sweater Run. They've supported 20,000 drives to date and have provided coats for over 4 million people, including 300,000 children.

The Ugly Sweater Run will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17. Registration is now open with an individual rate of $35, but team registration is also available. For more information, visit theuglysweaterrun.com.

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Dreaming of a Bohemian Pink Christmas

Monika Schermer talks Christmas Village and keeping entrepreneurship personal.

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Monika Schermer is seeing pink. The owner of cheery Chestnut Hill boutique Bohemian Pink is hoping to spread some girly fun to the community with her Christmas Village booth.

Schermer started her business 20 years ago, importing wooden toys and puppets from the Czech Republic. A first generation Czech, she spent some time living in Prague and felt inspired to start her own business. "My time in Prague was right after the Velvet Revolution of 1989 and there was a tremendous entrepreneurial spirit in the city that rubbed off on me," she says.

So when Schermer arrived in the United States, she ditched the notion of an office job to start her own thing.

Over the years, she's established herself as a crafter and a regular vendor at Christmas Village.

This year, she's making her Christmas Village collection personal — featuring items that can be personalized with monograms in an effort to "make [everyone] feel special." This idea carries over from her Bohemian Pink brand, where Schermer recognizes the importance of interaction and conversation with shoppers.

Despite the popularity of digital shopping, Schermer sells most of her merchandise in person — at shows, events and conventions.

The journey hasn't always been easy. Schermer noted that she didn't turn a profit for her first three years in business. "The biggest challenge to being an entrepreneur anywhere is that is takes time to grow your business," she says.

But she sustained a thorough, positive attitude: "If you can dream it, you can achieve it!"

Schermer serves as an inspiration to women of all ages. She's a Girl Scout volunteer, leading both a troop and a service of almost 200 girls. "I am always encouraging girls to do their best and telling them they can do anything they set their minds to," she says.

The signage for the Bohemian Pink store in Chestnut Hill. KYLE HILLER

She inspires people to "live colorfully." The products she sells are colorful and bright and can be worn all year round.

Christmas is a special time for the Philly resident. Living in Prague and also in West Berlin as a high school exchange student [with the Berlin Wall still intact], Schermer recalls Christmas markets being a vital part of European culture. She notes: "It is also a great way to do your holiday shopping without having to step foot in a mall. By shopping at Christmas Village, customers support small business, like my own, and have a direct impact on local families."

Be sure to find Schermer and Bohemian Pink at this year's Christmas Village at City Hall, or stop by and say hello at her store in Chestnut Hill, located at 8617 Germantown Ave.

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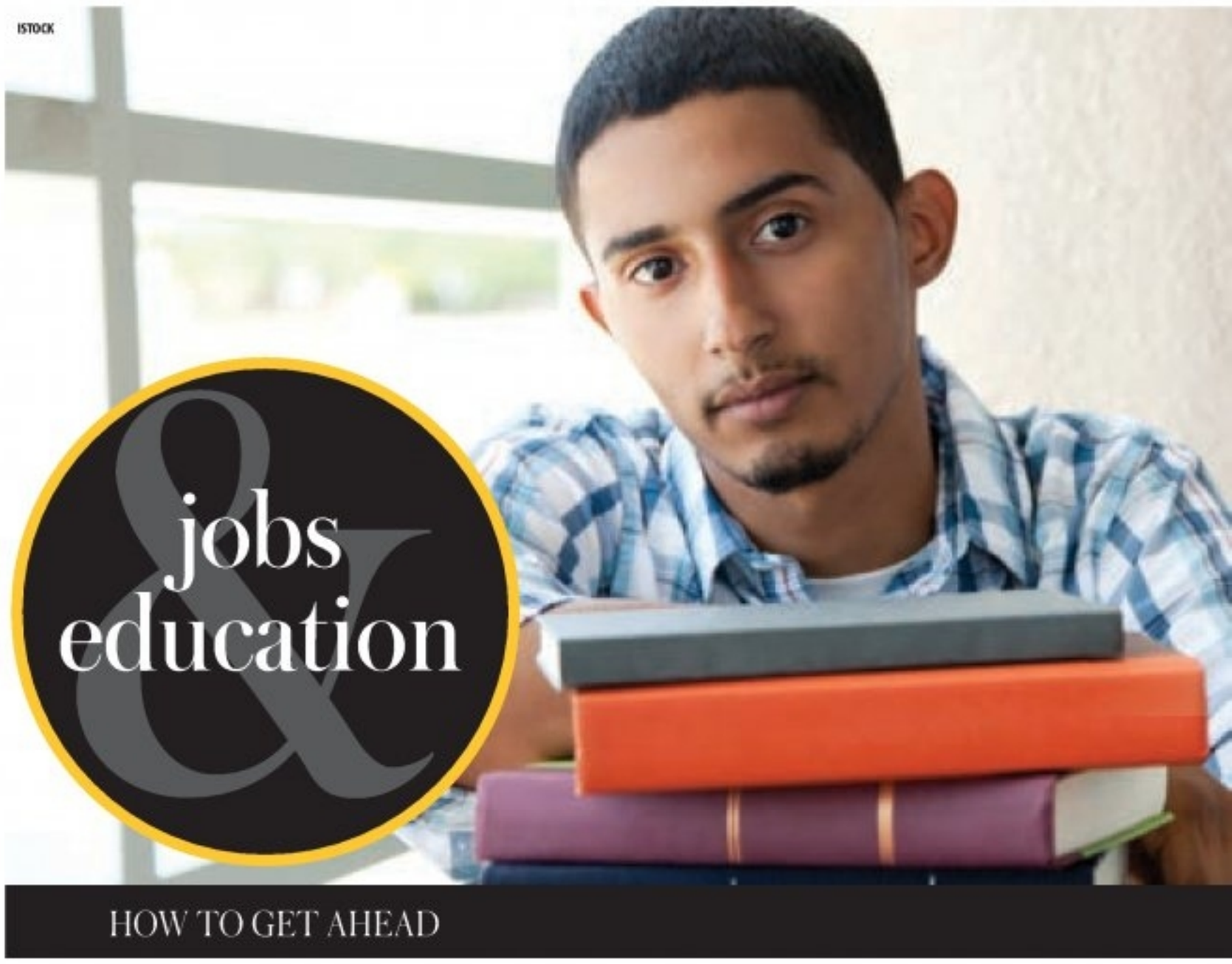

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HOW TO GET AHEAD

In her new book, scholar and activist Sara Goldrick-Rab spotlights the financial pitfalls of going to college.

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Tuesday night's bartending shift ends at 2 a.m., giving Andronigi Kurtezi just enough time to review her notes, shower and sneak in a four hour "power nap" on the couch before her 9 a.m. organic chemistry class.

The 21-year-old senior, attending New York's SUNY New Paltz, plans on graduating this spring with a degree in biochemistry, only to begin another gritty stage: medical school applications.

After filling out financial aid forms for the past three years, she's gotten used to paperwork.

However, this year's aid, $1,300, is not nearly enough to cover her close to $10,000 room and board expenses. To make up the difference, she's been working 25 hours a week while taking seven classes, a culmination, she jokes, that's caused her to spend most of her days "half awake and feeling mentally deranged."

Like many students, Kurtezi has witnessed firsthand the shortcomings of our nation's financial aid system.

Not only have college prices risen dramatically in the past 15 years, explains Sara Goldrick-Rab, a professor of higher education policy and sociology at Temple University and author of a new book about college costs, "Paying the Price," but at the same time, the mean family income of all but the wealthiest 5 percent of Americans has fallen or stagnated.

Since 2000, the cost of community college and private universities has gone up by 28 and 54 percent, respectively. In the meantime, she explains, the amount of financial aid has barely fluctuated, noting that the Pell Grant — a government award intended to help those whose families make less than $30,000 a year — has remained between $4,000 to $5,000 for the past 15 to 20 years.

"They're giving students such a small amount of money, pennies, really, and other people who don't get anything are assuming they're getting tons of money and it's covering their needs," says Goldrick-Rab. "Except it's not."

In the book, she describes that after factoring in state and institutional grants, students from families earning an average of $20,000 a year are required to pay at least $8,000 a year for community college and more than $12,000 a year at public university.

Middle class families are also struggling, she explains, considering they have a real financial need and still are getting no help. A year of college at a public university runs a family earning $80,000 a year just over $20,000.

The result: Many students end up accruing an overwhelming amount of debt, or worse, dropping out.

The consequences are more disheartening for low income students who, without enough financial assistance, are

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Sara Goldrick-Rab
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forced to abandon their degree and watch their only shot at upward mobility crumble.

For six years, Goldrick-Rab followed a group of 3,000 low income young adults who entered college with the support of federal aid and Pell Grants. She watched as they struggled to stay afloat with school work and outside jobs, worked tirelessly, in some cases, to support their parents, and even went without adequate food or housing.

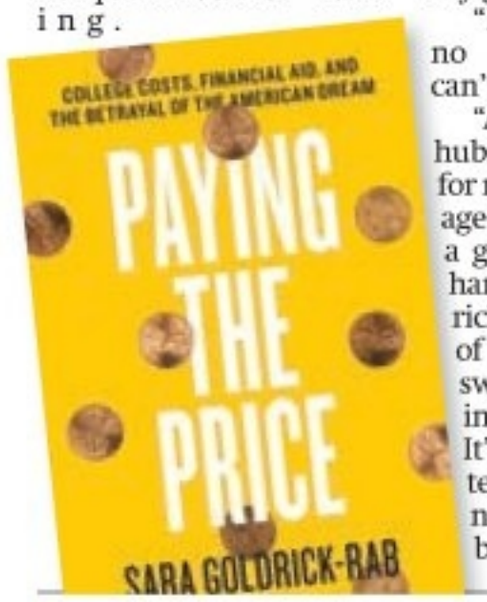
By the end of the study, half of them were forced to leave college without a degree.

It was a vicious cycle, echoed in part by Kurtezi's own experience.

"I'm not getting enough money to pay for school, so I take more hours at work so I can afford it, but if I take on too many shifts, then I don't have enough time to study and my grades drop, and if they drop too low, then I can lose my grant," says Kurtezi.

"It's a situation where no matter what, you can't win."

"And yet, we have the hubris to blame students for not being able to manage themselves, to make a good budget, to study hard enough," says Goldrick-Rab. "I watched all of these students and I swear, nobody is working harder than them. It's so wrong to characterize them like they're not trying their very best."



Technological advances could help small businesses. ISTOCK

Are robots becoming the new workers?

Are robots going to be stealing your job? If you're a low skill laborer in a developing country, the futuristic dilemma might be closer than you think. According to a recently released policy brief by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the accelerating use of robots may be threatening millions of jobs in developing countries — two-thirds of all jobs, to be exact.

"If robots are considered a form of capital that is a close substitute for low-skilled workers," the report states, "then their growing use reduces the share of human labour in total production costs."

Much of the debate on the financial impacts of robots, however, is still speculative.

"Disruptive technologies always bring a mix of benefits and risks," the paper says, mentioning that this technological revolution might also create new opportunities, namely, for small businesses, who could begin manufacturing on a much larger scale.

In some nations, of course, extremely cheap labor will continue to stall the shift to a robotically controlled workforce. SARA FEINSTEIN

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3 Things we saw from the Eagles in their ugly Seattle setback Sunday

The Eagles were dominated on both sides of the ball out west in Week 11.

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Perhaps thankfully, the Eagles will have an extra-long Thanksgiving holiday preparing to face the Packers back at home on "Monday Night Football" on Nov. 28. GETTY IMAGES

Prior to Sunday evening, the Eagles had played in nine games with a legitimate chance to win all nine.

In Week 11 in Seattle, Philly was simply overmatched and embarrassed by a high-powered Seahawks team that put on a show on both sides of the ball.

The Seahawks gained 439 yards on the ground and in the air, fueled by a revelatory game by Russell Wilson who threw for 272 yards on 18-for-31 passing, tossed a touchdown pass and caught one of his own on a 15-yard trick play.

The Eagles lost not only the game, but also several key players including their top two running backs Ryan Mathews and Darren Sproles. Philly proved unable to stop the Seahawks and unable to gain any momentum offensively as they faltered and fell back to 5-5.

With the NFC East jam-packed with talent and three other teams above .500, the setback could be the beginning of the end with Philadelphia likely needing 10, or even 11 wins to win a Wild Card spot.

Here are three things we saw in Sunday's ugly defeat:

1 Broken plays

After a punishing and impressive defensive performance against the run last week, the Eagles proved vulnerable on the ground in a big way when, in Seattle's second possession, C.J. Prosise cut back and sprinted for a 72-yard touchdown. Momentum was slowed down a little, but by Philly as Bennie Logan blocked the ensuing extra point.

The Seahawks got their second touchdown on a second first-half broken play. After getting a do-over on third and long thanks to an offside Eagle, Wilson rolled into the pocket and looked to have no running room as he tossed the ball downfield. But somehow he found a streaking Jimmy Graham to cap off the 92-yard drive with a touchdown grab to put Seattle back on top, 13-7.

Philly's third blemish in the first half came as they allowed back-to-back-deep pass completions to Doug Baldwin and Jermaine Kerse. But the defense settled down at the 3-yard line and held Seattle to a field goal, and a 16-7 lead.

2 Game plan backfired

The Eagles responded to the crowd noise and an early mistake by piecing together a long 13-play, 68-yard drive that milked 7:35 off the clock and saw Wentz go a perfect 5-for-5 and throw a 4-yard touchdown pass to Zach Ertz. A Caleb Sturgis extra point put Philly ahead 7-6 at the start of the second.

Unfortunately their plan of ball-control offense failed quite miserably. Wide open drops, particularly one by Nelson Agholor as the wideout found himself uncovered for a possibly 25-yard third-down conversion plagued the Eagles all afternoon long.

3 So too did unforced errors

A potential long screen pass to Ertz that saw him sprint all the way to the end zone, a play that would have put Philly in the lead, was called back due to a completely unrelated illegal formation error by an outside wide receiver.

What's wrong with Wentz?

Wentz threw two interceptions in Sunday's defeat, the second a deep bomb that looked like a punt, caught by Richard Sherman midway through the third. The Seahawks offense made Philly pay, as a Baldwin bootleg throw to Wilson in the end zone put Seattle up comfortably 23-7.

After a sharp start, Wentz slowly saw the wheels come off. The two interceptions are the statistical markings of mistakes but the rookie's timing on throws was visibly off. He coughed up a fumble on third down that was recovered by a teammate and missed several open receivers as he went through his progressions.

A little silver lining came near the end of the fourth quarter, when Wentz found Dorial Green-Beckham in garbage time for a touchdown to cap off a sustained drive for the first time since the first quarter.

Winning ways for 76ers

After losing their first seven contests this season, the Sixers have won three of their last six games — thanks in large part to Joel Embiid's impact on both sides of the floor. Philly is back in action Monday night when they host the Heat at 7 p.m. (on CSN). GETTY IMAGES

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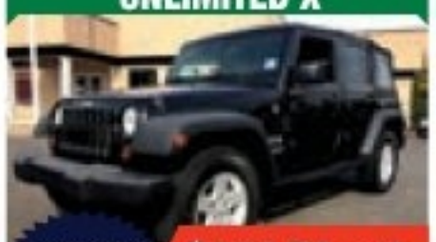
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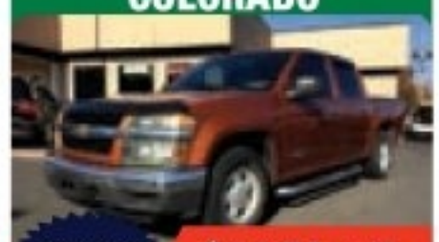
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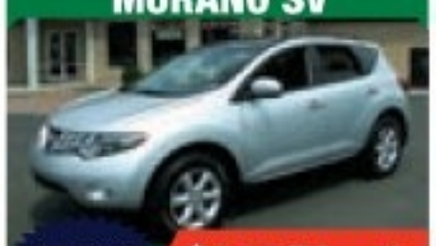
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How did some anticipated Week 11 match ups play out in the NFL?

Minnesota 30, Arizona 24
The Vikings (6-4) ended their four game skid by playing the football that had gotten them to 5-0. Despite gaining just 217 yards of offense, a 100-yard interception return by Xavier Rhodes and a 104-yard kickoff return by Cordarrelle Patterson ensured they had enough point to top Arizona.

Buffalo 16, Cincinnati 12
LeSean McCoy opened the scoring with a seven-yard touchdown run, but had to leave the game with a thumb injury. The Bills (5-5) didn't blink, finishing with 183 team rushing yards to stop their three game skid. The news wasn't as good for the Bengals, who lost A.J. Green to a hamstring injury and dropped to 3-6-1 on the season.

Pittsburgh 24, Cleveland 9
The Steelers (5-5) ended a four game losing streak on the road in Cleveland. Their much-maligned defense sacked the Browns (0-11) eight times and forced two turnovers. Le'Veon Bell had 146 rushing yards and another 55 receiving, accounting for almost two-thirds of Pittsburgh's offense.

Dallas 27, Baltimore 17
The Cowboys (9-1) overcame a slow start to rack up 417 yards on the NFL's leading defense Two touchdowns to begin the second half turned a 10-10 tie into a 24-10 Cowboys lead that held up. Dak Prescott (27-for-36, 301 yards, 3 TDs) now has two straight 300-yard games.

Detroit 26, Jacksonville 19
After recovering a fumble, Tavon Wilson intercepted Blake Bortles at midfield on the game's final play to seal the victory for the Lions (6-4). With the win, Detroit stays in first place in the NFC North. Theo Riddick had to get his yards through the air (8 catches, 70 yards) as the Lions ground game was limited to just 13 yards on 21 carries.

The Giants are now firmly in second place in the NFC East. GETTY IMAGES

Indianapolis 24, Tennessee 17
While it was the Titans (5-6) who built a 21-0 lead early last week against Green Bay, this week they fell behind by the same margin against the Colts (5-5) and weren't able to complete the comeback. It's the eleventh straight time the Colts have beaten their division rivals. Andrew Luck has never lost to Tennessee.

Tampa Bay 19, Kansas City 17
While the rest of the NFL was experiencing kicking troubles due to the weather — nine extra points were missed or blocked in the early games — Roberto Aguayo had no such issues in Kansas City, nailing all four of his field goal attempts and an extra point for the Buccaneers (5-5) third straight win.

New York Giants 22, Chicago 16
The Giants (7-3) won their fifth straight while trying to keep pace with the Cowboys atop the NFC East. New York scored the final 16 points after falling behind 16-9. Landon Collins recorded his fifth interception in the past four games, and Rashad Jennings established himself as the back in New York's backfield, finishing with 21 carries for 85 yards.

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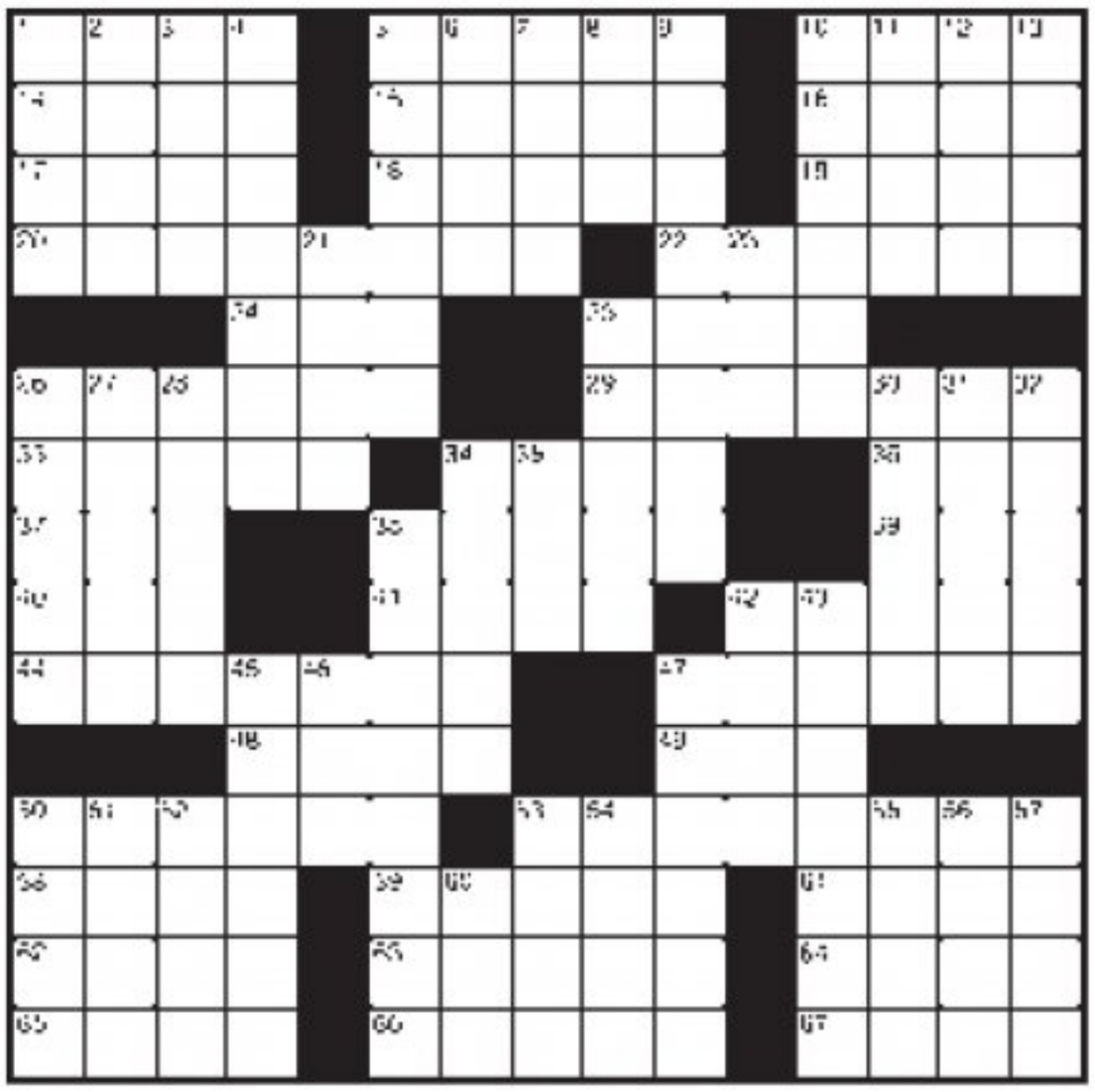

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